

# Work Session

<b>Agenda Item #</b>	6
<b>Meeting Date</b>	March 28, 2005
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<b>Approved By</b>	Barbara B. Matthews City Manager

<b>Discussion Item</b>	Police Chief's report on issues related to proposal for an additional crossing guard
<b>Background</b>	<p>On April 4, 2005, a work session was held to discuss the Safe Roadways Committee's recommendation for the posting of a crossing guard at Philadelphia Avenue/Cedar Avenue. As agreed upon during the work session, the seventh crossing guard was removed from the Maple Avenue/Grant Avenue post and was assigned to the Cedar Avenue/Philadelphia Avenue intersection for the following purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To count the number of children crossing during normal Crossing Guard post times; and,</li> <li>• To redirect pedestrians, especially youth, to cross at intersections with existing guards. One guard is posted two blocks west at Holly Avenue and Philadelphia Avenue, primarily for Takoma Park Elementary and Takoma Park Middle School students. The other guard is located one block east at Maple Avenue and Holly Avenue and primarily assists Piney Branch Elementary students.</li> </ul> <p>The counts began with the afternoon post on April 6, 2005 and will continue to the afternoon post on April 18, 2005. The final results will be provided to the City Council at the work session. Additionally, staff will provide information on SHA plans for striping at the intersection and related items.</p> <p>During the work session on April 4, 2005, there was discussion concerning the hours for the crossing guard post at Maple Avenue/Philadelphia Avenue. This guard provides service to the elementary school students and is therefore on duty from 8:20 a.m. to 9:20 a.m. and from 3:20 p.m. to 3:50 p.m.</p> <p>There was also discussion concerning Montgomery County's practice regarding substitute guards. Staff contacted Montgomery County and was advised that five substitute guards are hired for each police district station. The substitute guards are paid whether or not they are on duty.</p>
<b>Policy</b>	The City is committed to ensuring the safest route possible for students traveling to school and for City staff.
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	None to maintain current system
<b>Attachments</b>	None
<b>Recommendation</b>	The City Council will hear the report of the Police Chief and have the opportunity to ask questions or to request additional information from staff.
<b>Special Consideration</b>	